

GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH

A B S T R A C T

Public Services - Irrigation & CAD Department – Disciplinary action initiated against Sri K. Varahalu, I/c. Executive Engineer for the irregularities in the works of improvement to drainage channel to Yerra tank of Vedantapuram village, Koyyalagudem Mandal in Irrigation Division Eluru - Imposing a major penalty of cut in two increments with cumulative effect - Orders –Issued.

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IRRIGATION & CAD (SER.X.2) DEPARTMENT

G.O.Ms.No. 45

Dt:06.05.2013
Read the following:

1. From the ENC(AW), I&CAD Department, Hyderabad Letter No.Rc/ENC/S1(2)/31366/06-1, dt. 13.01.2007.
2. G.O.Rt.No.138, I & CAD(Ser.X.2) Dept., dt. 05.02.2010
3. WSSD of the charged officer , dt. 13.01.2011
- 4.. G.O.Rt.No.124, I & CAD (Ser.X.2) Dept., dt. 11.02.2011.
5. Govt. Memo. No. 7420/Ser/X/22007-16, dt. 11.02.2011.
6. From the CE, QC Wing Coastal Region, Dowlaiswaram, Lr.No. CE/QCW/CR/Dlm 6c, dt. 27.7.2011.
7. Govt. Memo. No. 7420/Ser.X.2./2007-22, dt. 10.01.2012.
8. Representation of Sri K. Varahalu, Dy.CE,SRSP,Hyderabad, dt.01.05.2012.
9. Govt. Memo. No. 7420/Ser.X.2/2007-25, Dt. 14.08.2012.
10. From the Engineer-in-Chief (AW), I&CAD Department, Hyderabad letter No.Rc/ ENC/ S1(2)/31366/2006, dt. 5.9.2012.
11. Govt. Lr. No. 7420/Ser.X.2/2007-26, Dt: 26.09.2012.
12. From the Secretary, APPSC, Hyd. Lr.No. 1866/RT/1/2012, dt. 09.10.2012

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ORDER:

The Engineer-in-Chief (Admn.Wing), I & CAD Department, Hyderabad in his letter 1st read above, has brought to the notice of the Government that certain irregularities were took place in the works of improvement to drainage channel to Yerra Tank of Vedantapuram Village, Koyyalagudem Mandal in Irrigation Division Eluru, West Godavari District with a recommendation to initiate disciplinary action against the responsible officers.

2. In the reference 2nd read above, Government have initiated disciplinary action against Sri K. Varahalu, Incharge Executive Engineer by way of issuing Articles of Charges.

3. In the reference 3rd read above Sri K. Varahalu, Incharge Executive Engineer has submitted his Written Statement of Defence.

4. After careful examination of the Written Statement of Defence of the above charged officer, along with other charged officers, the Chief Engineer, Quality Control Wing, Coastal Region, Dowlaiswaram was appointed as Inquiry Officer to conduct a detailed inquiry into the charges framed against them, vide reference 4th read above, as their Written Statements of Defence are not convincing. The Superintending Engineer, Irrigation Circle, Eluru was appointed as Presenting Officer to present the case before the Inquiry officer on behalf of the disciplinary authority vide reference 5th read above.

5. In the reference 6th read above, the Inquiry Officer has submitted his Inquiry report stating that the charge framed against Sri K. Varahalu, Incharge Executive Engineer Irrigation Division, Eluru pertaining to “faulty / substandard execution of work drop cum regulator across drainage channel collapsed “ is not held proved. But the charged officer has failed to take initiation to stop the payment of final bill sent to Pay and Accounts officer, Eluru (on 02..09.2005) after collapse of the structure and final bill paid to the agency on 07.11.2005. For this procedural lapse, he cannot absolve from his responsibilities.

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6. In the reference 7th read above, a copy of the Inquiry Report was communicated to the charged officer Sri K. Varahalu, Incharge Executive Engineer with a direction to submit his explanation if any on the findings of the Inquiry Authority. In the reference 8th read above, the charged officer Sri K. Varahalu, Incharge Executive Engineer has submitted his explanation..

7. After careful examination of the explanation of Charged Officer it has been provisionally decided to impose a punishment of withholding of two annual grade increments with cumulative effect against Sri K. Varahalu, Incharge Executive Engineer.

8. In the reference 11th read above, the Secretary, Andhra Pradesh Public Service Commission, Hyderabad has been requested to place the matter before the Commission, to obtain and communicate the concurrence of the Andhra Pradesh Public Service Commission before imposing the above punishment against Sri K. Varahalu, formerly Incharge Executive Engineer.

9. In the reference 12th read above, the Secretary, Andhra Pradesh Public Service Commission, Hyderabad has informed that after careful examination of the disciplinary case in the light of the records made available, the Commission opined that the only fault of the Charged Officer is that he did not stop the payment of the bill though the structure collapsed. However the structure was rebuilt without extra cost and advised that the charged officer Sri K. Varahalu, Incharge Executive Engineer may be let off with a warning.

10. After careful examination of the entire matter, it has been decided to deviate with the above advice of the APPSC and to impose a punishment of withholding two annual grade increments with cumulative effect against Sri K. Varahalu, the then Incharge Executive Engineer, Irrigation Division, Eluru of Irrigation Circle, Eluru, for the irregularities committed by him in the works of improvement to drainage channel to Yerra Tank of Vedantapuram Village, Koyyalagudem Mandal in Irrigation Division Eluru, West Godavari District. Accordingly, Government hereby order to impose a punishment of withholding two annual grade increments with cumulative effect against Sri K. Varahalu, the then I/c Executive Engineer, Irrigation Division, Eluru of Irrigation Circle, Eluru. A copy of the reference 12th read above is herewith enclosed.

11. The Engineer-in-Chief, I&CAD Department, Hyderabad shall take further action in the matter accordingly.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

SHAILENDRA KUMAR JOSHI
PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To

Sri K. Varahalu, the then I/c Executive Engineer,
Irrigation Division, Eluru of Irrigation Circle, Eluru
through the ENC(AW) I &CAD Department, Hyderabad (w.e.).

Copy to:

The Engineer-In-Chief (Admn,Wing)

I & CAD Department, Hyderabad

The Secretary, APPSC, Hyderabad

The Secretary, APVC, Hyderabad.

The Secretary to Governor,

Government of Andhra Pradesh, Hyderabad.

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//FORWARDED: : BY ORDER//

SECTION OFFICER